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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, December 4, 2018      2:00 p.m.      Room 352, Capitol Building

The House Committee on Government Operations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Lee Chatfield.

Members present: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett, Singh, and Greig  
Members absent/excused: None

Representative Lauwers moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, September 26, 2018 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee:

SB 660      (Meekhof)      Agriculture: other: animal care standards for egg-laying hens;  
delay effective date and provide for enforcement.

Sarah Waun, representing Senate Majority Leader Meekhof's office, introduced the bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people testified in support of the bill:  
Stephen Herbruck, and Tim Vande Bunte, representing the Michigan Egg Producers.  
Beatrice Friedlander, representing the State Bar Animal Law Section and Attorneys for Animals.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, submitted a neutral position testimony card, and testified to the bill.

Mary Kelpinski, representing the Michigan Pork Producers, testified in opposition of the bill.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:  
Molly Tamulevich, representing Humane Society of the United States.  
Allison Brink, representing Michigan Allied Poultry.  
Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Lauwers moved to report SB 660 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 4-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Singh, and Greig.

NAYS: Representative Barrett.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HB 4856 (Tedder) Holidays; other; "Patriot Week" in Michigan; designate.

Representative Lauwers moved to report HB 4856 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 3-0-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, and Barrett.

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HB 6553 (Verheulen) Legislature; other; right of legislature to intervene in any proceeding; create.

Representative Verheulen introduced the bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Barrett moved to report HB 6553 with recommendation.

Representative Barrett withdrew his motion to report HB 6553 with recommendation.

The Chair went at ease at 2:29 p.m., and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Barrett moved to report HB 6553 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 3-2-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, and Barrett.

NAYS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

PASS: None.

Bruce A. Timmons, representing himself, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill and wished to speak, but due to time constraints, was unable to.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition of the bill and wished to speak, but due to time constraints, were unable to:

Sean McBrearty, representing Clean Water Action.

Astoria Clarke, representing herself.

Ruth Murphy, representing herself.

Terri Wilerson, representing herself.

William Mayhew, representing himself.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Amanda Robert, representing the Sierra Club.

Scott Birdsall, representing the International United Automobile Workers.

Marseille Allen, representing the United Automobile Workers Local 6000.

Chad M. Guerrant, representing himself.

Jeremy Moniz, representing himself.

Terry Blastenbrei, representing himself.

Steve Claywell, representing the Michigan Building Trades.

Julie Rowe, representing the American Federation of Teachers.

Stephanie Glidden, representing the Michigan American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Jonathan Byrd, representing the Michigan Laborers.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the Michigan American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 25.

Neil Parish, representing the Michigan Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 2:47 p.m.

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Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Eddie Sleeper  
Committee Clerk  
December 4, 2018  
47 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed